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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I guess I would ask the Speaker's special order of this bill, seeing as how it's a deficit, to be taken up after we suspend the rules and bring the bill to the floor at the request of the Governor.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, why...why...I've just forgotten, but why couldn't this be a part of the appropriations package when it comes to the floor, simply putting in the \$700,000 for the SOS?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, honestly, if we delay too long, we will have...will be quite disruptive in the workplace because we need the authorization...the Department of Personnel in this SOS pool needs the authorization to spend the money to meet payroll within about another week.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right. But even with...if we suspend the rules, Senator Wehrbein, all that they have is a bill that's on General File. How will they have any authority to do any spending, that we haven't given them any authority yet?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I assume we're going to ask special order of the bill to be taken up as a deficit, much as we did a bill back in January.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, and that's what I wanted to make sure that I was clear. So probably sometime this week or at the Speaker's whim. But you're saying sometime in this week we have to at least expedite the bill so they have the authority, and that would mean expediting it Select File and Final Reading, as well, within a week, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Wehrbein.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, to close. Closing is waived. The question before the body then is the motion to suspend the rules to allow LB 889 to be placed on General File. The vote will take 30 votes. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of